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World Congress DURBAN 2014

The 25th International Union of Architects World Congress of Architects, UIA 2014 Durban, will be held at the International Convention Centre in Durban from 3-7 August 2014.

“This is the first time the Congress is being held in sub-Saharan Africa and we, as the South African profession, have the attention of the world firmly focused on us,” says Hassan Asmal, president of the organisation committee of the 25th International Union of Architects World Congress, UIA 2014 Durban.

“This is an opportunity for us to showcase the work we are doing and to enter into dialogue with the architects of the world in looking for creative ways to resolve the issues of the built environment,” he continues. “Africa is the fastest growing economy in the world, so it’s important that the way we develop our continent ensures sustainability for future generations and is to the benefit of its people.”

Held triennially, the theme of this year’s UIA congress, *architecture OTHERWHERE*, will celebrate diversity by exploring other thinking, other regions, other practice, other disciplines, other communities and other ways of teaching, thinking about and practising architecture.

The main theme and sub-themes are *ecology, resilience* and *values*; and will be deliberated by the impressive line-up of keynote speakers, leaders in architectural innovation, thinkers, intellectuals and all those involved in the making of cities, through a series of workshops, seminars

and experiential activities and with a number of national and international identified programme partners.

The congress will bring together professionals of the built environment to debate alternative strategies for the design and delivery of human settlements – encouraging innovative thinking on new developments, in the transformation of existing suburbs and townships and in the upgrade of informal settlements. There will be a focus on South African issues, but the solutions proposed will be globally relevant.

UIA 2014 Durban aims to explore both technical and social expertise towards the enhancement of social cohesion and integration through a mix of income groups, housing types and building functions. The architectural profession has the potential to make significant contributions to environments and human settlements that are more humane, more equitable, more beautiful, more functional; human settlements that increase people’s opportunities, offering people a better chance at improving their lives and livelihoods.

It is widely accepted that all those involved in city-making need to rethink the way in which the built environment is conceived, designed and delivered.

Through the congress, innovations in the construction industry will be explored by showcasing materials, technology and building systems, bringing together diverse disciplines in the built environment as well as numerous linked industries in an integrated and meaningful conversation. DW

For more information or to register for the Congress visit

[www.uia2014durban.org](http://www.uia2014durban.org).

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*Architecture is inhabited sculpture.*

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